

The cone covers most of Secs. 4 & 5 of 29-28 and S $\frac{1}{2}$ of Secs. 33 & 34 of 30-28, or about 1900 acres.

The lands at the base are lava beds and masses of volcanic rocks in large uneven heaps and so thickly covering the ground that no use could ever be made of it for agricultural purposes. Near Folsom are fine springs, some of which are supposed to contain mineral properties and the town is destined to become a resort for tourists and health seekers; and to accommodate this class of citizens the town has built a very fine hotel and desire to make a road to the top of the crater, and to make other improvements on the cone for the benefit & comfort of persons coming to see this great natural curiosity; but these public spirited people are deterred from doing so from fear that some one may attempt to file on the improvements they are making for the public.

As the lands mentioned are utterly worthless for agricultural purposes, I would respectfully suggest (and if such can be done) that all of Secs. 4 & 5 of 29-28 and S $\frac{1}{2}$ of Secs. 33 & 34 of 30-28, be reserved from entry or filing in order that parties may be prevented from appropriating any portion of this curiosity & to make it the means of levying contributions on the public at large and visitors coming to see it.

Very respectfully,
W. D. HARLAN,
Inspector.